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In re patent application of
Delesalle et al.

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For: RECOMBINANT PLANT GENOME COMPRISING SPECIFIC
CHICORY GENES AND A NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE
CONFERRING MALE STERILITY, AND ITS USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified
application, Applicants respectfully requests that the
following amendment be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 6 as follows:

6. Cytoplasm according to claim 5,
characterized in that it comprises mitochondria comprising
at least one nucleotide fragment of 347 bp which is borne
by the orf 522 sequence or a sequence with at least 50%
homology with the said fragment [according to Claim 3].